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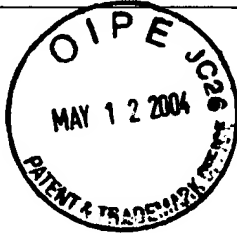
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In re Patent Application of:
Erin E. MURPHY et al.

Application No.: 09/840,795

Filed: April 23, 2001

For: BINDING COMPOUNDS FOR A RANK-LIKE
PROTEIN (AS AMENDED)



Art Unit: 1646

Examiner: E. O'Hara

**EXPEDITED PROCEDURE --
EXAMINING GROUP 1646**

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION (37 C.F.R. SECTION § 1.116)

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This is in response to a Final Office action herein mailed March 9, 2004, the time for the two month early response to which was set to expire May 9, 2004. As May 9, 2004 is a Sunday, this response is believed to be timely filed on the following business day, Monday, May 10, 2004. Careful consideration has been given to the grounds for rejection, and the following amendment and discussion are offered in response. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Also included herein is the following Exhibit:

Exhibit A: Copy of the Declaration of Jeanine D. Mattson Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.132
submitted on April 28, 2003.

Exhibit B: Li et al., *Brain Res. Protoc.* 5:211-17 (2000).



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